Construction of Airport at Jharsuguda

†1880. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has made any declaration for construction of an airport at Jharsuguda in Orissa during his recent visit to the State;

(b) whether there is any proposal to name this airport after famous freedom fighter Vir Surendra Sai;

(c) the total number of airports and runways in operation in the State; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to grant International status to Biju Patnaik Airport, Bhubaneswar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) On a request from State Government of Orissa, Airports Authority of India (AAI) has a plan to revive Jharsuguda airport in Orissa in phases subject to the State Government providing additional land required for the development of the airport free of cost and free from all encumbrances.

(b) The general policy for renaming of airport give emphasis to retain the name of cities for domestic airports, since passengers in general and especially foreign tourists and other visitors who may not be familiar with the local history find it easier to identify, the airport, when it is named after the city, which it serves.

(c) Biju Patnaik Airport, Bhubaneswar is operational airport in the State of Orissa having two runways of length 2743 metres and 1370 metres respectively.

(d) Presently, there is no proposal to declare it as an International airport. However, this airport is one of the 35 non-metro airports taken up for development and upgradation by AAI.

Development of Kanpur Airport

1881. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that passengers of an Allahabad-bound Air India flight had a narrow escape as the aircraft hit a Neel Gai (blue bull) shortly after landing at the Ahirwa Airport at Kanpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken to development Kanpur Airport and to introduce airbuses there; and

(d) the action being taken to provide night landing facility at Kanpur Airport?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) ATR-42 aircraft operating flight CD-7801 of 28.2.2008 on Delhi-Kanpur sector hit a Neel-Gai (Blue Bull) on landing roll at Kanpur at about 200 metres from touch down point. The aircraft suffered damage on the primary structure on right side of the nose and was subsequently moved on its own power to the civil termac to clear the runway. There was no injury to any one and the passengers were disembarked from the aircraft in the normal way.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Kanpur (Chakeri) airport belongs to Indian Air Force (IAF). Airports Authority of India maintains a Civil Air Terminal and is planning to construct a new terminal building and car park area etc., subject to land being transfetred by IAF. The airport is suitable for Airbus type of aircraft. The National Aviation Company of India Limited presently has no plans to operate Airbus aircraft to Kanpur due to resource constraints.

(d) Night landing facility is available at Kanpur (Chakeri) airport.

Coochbehar Airport

1882. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coochbehar airport is ready for operations; and

(b) if not, the targeted date of operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The airport at Coochbehar has been declard operational for VER flights for aircraft upto ATR 42.

Functioning of non-registered companies

†1883. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of companies are functioning in the country, especially in Delhi, without registering themselves with Company Registrar;

(b) if so, whether it is compulsory for a company to get itself registered within the prescribed time period; and

(c) if so, the criteria prescribed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. For an entity to function as a company, it is necessary for such entity to be registered as a company with the Registrar of Companies under the Companies Act, 1956.

(c) Criteria for registration is laid down under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and rules and forms issued thereunder.

Fee collected under the Companies Act

1884. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total fee collected by his Ministry under the Companies Act, during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the expenses incurred under the Companies Act during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the expenses are not commensurate to the fee collections; and

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